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As best illustrated in Figures 1 through 4, the crab meat extracting apparatus 10 generally comprises a planar base member 11 having a top side 12. A crab support member 13 is conventionally attached upon the top side 12 of the planar base member 11. The crab support member 13 is ~~a plate~~ an arch having a semi-circular main portion 14 and also having planar end portions 15,16 which are fastened upon the top side 12 of the planar base member 11. A tray 33 is removably disposed upon the planar base member 11. The tray 33 includes a bottom wall 34, and also includes a side wall 35 and an end wall 36 being conventionally attached along a perimeter of the bottom wall 34.

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A crab compressing assembly includes a crab compressing plate 17 being hingedly attached to the crab support member 13 and being removably disposed upon the crab support member 13 for holding and compressing a shelled crab between the crab support member 13 and the crab compressing plate 17. The crab compressing plate 17 is longitudinally curved and has an end 18 which is hingedly attached to one of the planar end portions 15,16 of the crab support member 13. The crab compressing plate 17 is disposed generally concentrically to the crab support member 13 upon the crab compressing plate 17 being disposed upon the crab support member 13. The crab compressing assembly also includes a bracket member 19 being conventionally attached upon the top side 12 of the planar base member 11, and further includes a handle assembly being pivotally mounted to the bracket member 19, and also includes a roller member 32 being conventionally mounted upon the handle assembly and being rollably engaged upon the crab compressing plate 17. The bracket member 19 includes an elongate main portion 20

and also includes end portions 21,23 being angled relative to the elongate main portion 20, and being disposed generally perpendicular to the planar base member 11, and having holes 22,24 being disposed therethrough. The handle assembly includes a pair of elongate handle support members 25,27 having angled first end portions 26,28 each of which is pivotally disposed in the hole 22,24 of a respective end portion 21,23 of the bracket member 19, and also includes a handle support cross member 29 being integrally attached to second ends of and extending between the elongate handle support members 25,27, and also includes a roller support cross member 31 being conventionally attached intermediate of the first ends portions 26,28 and the second ends of and extending between the elongate handle support members 25,27, and further includes a handle member 30 being disposed about the handle support cross member 29. The roller member 32 is rollably disposed about the roller support cross member 31.